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U.S. LETTER

TO GERMAN,

## FRENCH REPORTED NEAR TO JUNCTION WITH SERB FORCES Belief Prevails That Hour Has Press, in Comment on Ameri-

Occupy Kosjak and Babuna Heights, Which Command Pletvar Pass.

### HALF OF SERBIA UNDER **SWAY OF THE INVADERS**

Berlin Thinks Capture of Nish Assures Definite Victory for Teutons and Bulgars.

### ALLIES INCREASE STRENGTH

British and French Troops Said to Be Arriving in the Balkans Now in More "Satisfactory Numbers."

PARIS. November 8 .-French troops have occupied Kosjak and Babuna heights, which command Pletvar pass, through which runs the Perlepe-Kavadar road, and are expected to effect a junction soon with the Serbian army occupying the northwestern slopes of the Babuna range, says a Monastir dispatch to the Matin.

BERLIN, November 8, via London, 4 p.m.-The Serbian town of Krusevac, on the railroad about fifty miles northwest of Nish, has been occupied by German troops, according to today's official statement given out by army headquarters staff.

### Invaders Solidly United.

LONDON, November 8 .- The fall of Nish has united solidly the main Bulgarian forces and the Austro-German armies advancing Undine has been torpedoed and sunk from the north. Hitherto their it was officially announced today. communications consisted merely of tentative reaching out of advance guards.

The Bulgarians and their allies now hold considerably more than Nish railway, which has been one of the chief objectives of their two 18-inch torpedo tubes. She was built in 1901 at Howaldt. campaign. From Nish the Bulgarian line now runs north in a light curve, encircling the Merava GREECE'S NEW PREMIER river, to Krivivir, where it joins the main Austro-German forces. From that point the invaders' line turns at a right angle and runs due west across the broadest Announces Policy Will Be One of part of Serbia.

### Heavy Toll of Prisoners.

The rough semi-circle made by this ine is still contracting and as it does so, according to German reports, is taking a heavy toll of Serbian prison-

In southern Serbia the fortunes of war are less auspicious for the in- toward the entente powers. intly have received a severe check from British troops.

No official confirmation has been recelved, however, of a decisive defeat of the Bulgarians who are attempting to advance into Macedonia through Babuna pass. South of Strumitsa the French are fighting on Bulgarian soil.

### Trying to Envelop French.

tempting to envelop the French force | ier himself. n the Valandovi region, according to information from Bulgarian soldiers lasica mountain, at the junction of the Greek, Serbian and Bulgarian frontiers, says a Reuter dispatch from Salonik Heavy artillery and rifle fire has been heard at the outpost station A number of Bulgarian shells are re-

ported to have fallen on the railway north of Guevgeli, but allied reinforcements are passing Guevgeli regularly

A Serbian official is quoted as declaring the Serbs are holding firm at Balead. At one point more than 1,000 ganda. Bulgars were caught between a cross fire and annihilated.

An important British contingent wa landed Saturday at Saloniki where additional landing facilities have been granted the allies after negotiations with the Greek authorities.

## Defense of Nish Magnificent.

An Athens dispatch to the Daily Mail The Serbians offered a magnificent

defense at Nish, fighting successive actions as the enemy advanced. Their last stand was on the hills around the town itself. They succeeded in retir- ernment to prosecute Mr. Palmer. ing in good order before the greatly superior forces.

The situation at Uskup is unchanged. The Bulgarians, after their severe experience in Babuna pass, appear to be reinforcing the Istip section with the object of continuing their at-tacks on the French, which have for their object the stoppage of French help for the Serbians on their left.

The allied troops are now arriving in much more satisfactory numbers (Continued on Second Page.)

## RUMANIA HOLDING BACK FOR A TIME

Not Yet Come for Entering the War.

via Paris, November 8.—There is no longer probability of a ministerial crisis in Rumania, says the Bucharest correspondent of the Life-and-Death Struggle Is Given as Corriere Della Sera. Even the interventionist opposition, he asserts, agrees with the government that military action must depend upon the strategical situation in the Balkans.

### Conserve Men for Allies.

A majority of the people of the na tion seem to believe that inasmucl as Rumania now is virtually surrounded by fighting forces her entry into the war would mean the useless sac-rifice of a reserve of men upon which the entente might count when the sea route, the only sure road for military supplies, again is opened.

One of the chiefs of the interven

tionists is credited with having sale that everything indicates Rumania's military aid will decide the Balkar war, and that this help would be of fered at the most propitious moment

## Support Government's Policy.

PARIS, November 8.—Premier Bratiano of Rumania, desirous of obtaining the views of members of parliament upon the iternational situation before the opening of the coming session, is holding individual conferences with them, says Havas dispatch from Bucharest. All the members seen thus far by th

## prime minister, it is reported, have agreed with him that the government is following the wisest course in maintaining neu-trality for the present, at least. SMALL GERMAN CRUISER

SUNK BY A SUBMARINE

Berlin Announces Loss of the Undine Off the Coast of Sweden.

BERLIN, November 8, via Lnodor 3:25 p.m.—The small German cruises "The small cruiser Undine," says the official announcement, "was sunk by two torpedoes from a submarine on the afternoon of November 7, while patrolling the south Swedish coast. Nearly the entire crew was saved."

half of Serbia and command the of 2,672 tons' displacement. 228 feet

"Very Benevolent Neutrality."

LONDON, November 8.-M. Skoulou dis, the new Greek premier, has declared his intention of observing an attitude of very benevolent neutrality

The new Greek cabinet will be presented to the chamber and parliament the Serbians, assisted by French and will be dissolved if it fails to sustain the government, says a Reuter dispatch from

## Make-Up of New Cabinet.

ATHENS, November 7, via Paris, November 8. — M. Skouloudis, commissioned by King Constantine to form a new cabinet, has accomplished the All the members of the Zaimis A division of 25,000 Bulgarians is at- ministry are retained, except the prem-

obtained by a Greek outpost in the Be- formation of the new cabinet, it is

buna pass, where all Bulgarian on-slaughts have been repulsed. The pass
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today. When asked as to the probable period of suspension, Charles Palmer, editor of the Globe, said:

"We are under military law, calmly awaiting developments."
No steps have been taken by the gov-

B. & O. Bars Whisky as First Aid

## BRITAIN'S POSITION UPHELD IN LONDON

can Note, Says Points Are All Open to Argument.

### MILAN, Italy, November 7, HOLD WORLD WAR BOUND TO CAUSE INCONVENIENCE

Reason for Existing Conditions. Surprise Predominates.

LONDON, November 8, 12:25 p.m.-Notwithstanding the forecasts of the American note to Great Britain which had been sent from Washington by correspondents of the British press, surprise is the predominant tone of the majority of the British newspapers in their comment on the document. The country has been too deeply wrapped up in the consideration of pressing European problems during the past few weeks to give much attention to American opin ion, and apparently it was not aware that the treatment of American shipping might furnish ground for a serious controversy

between the two governments. "The American note upon our inter ference with neutral trade," says the Pall Mall Gazette. "will be read with some surprise in this country. While the duty of every power to keep vigilant guard over the interests of its own commerce will be freely recognized, it must be felt that the United States scarcely grapples with the realfirst place by the fact of war, and in the second by the criminality of Ger man practices. In some passages the note seems to invoke the authority of international law as if its problems could be finally settled for one belligerent without reference to the do

ings of the other. n the world of things as they are. It is impossible to deal with question arising between the allies and the United States while ignoring the prac-tices of Admiral von Tirpitz and the changes in policy which they enforced upon ourselves and our friends."

### Desire to Reduce Inconvenience.

The Gazette says the British govern ment has shown a desire to reduce in convenience to neutral trade to a mini mum, but that it is notorious that the methods of concealment which, it de clares, have been adopted by American shippers exhibit a variety and ingenuity demanding the most thorough coun ter check.

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The newspaper the uncertain law of former times lie broad considerations of equity. It is confident, it says, that the United States will consider the contrast between the German and the British practice and whether Great Britain has practice and whether Great Britain has

# London Globe Office Still in the Hands of Authorities. LONDON, November 8, 1:06 p.m.—The Globe, selzed by the police Saturday, was still in control of the authorities Myterical diplomatists. "When she disagrees with us in purely technical matters," adds the Standard, "are we likely to be confronted with the mailed fist? America is making her fortune out of the allies. Remembering this and America's treatment of Germany, we have no fear of an acute crisis."

Some Inconvenience Inevitable. The attitude taken by the London morning papers in commenting on the note is generally that although the points raised in the note are all open



IT MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD.

## ongs of the other. "That is a view utterly inapplicable of the world of things on the other." DOORS OWING \$900,000

Neighborhood Institution With Many Depositors in Examiner's Hands.

in the southern part of St. Louis, with as a result of objections from the Ger deposits of approximately \$900,000, did man government.

would permit us to do if we may not proclaim a blockade; or bring suspected ships into port for scarch; or bring them before a prize court; or question the imports of one neutral with another neutral, on suspicion that they were destined for an enemy country; or take exceptional measures of any kind against an enemy who has invented a form of warfare which is unknown to international law and repugnant to humanity."

The newspaper contends that behind the uncertain law of former times lie broad considerations of equity. It is on sale, says John J. Dillon, state com- Cross-Examination by Counsel for

storage.

tween the German and the British practice and whether Great Britain has brighted every a construction of the new prime minister has taken the portfolio of foreign affairs. The formation of the new cabinet, it is expressed himself with great cogency about the action of German elections. He is still demanding reparation for American citizens done to climinate, the crisis which probably would follow a dissolution of the chamber of deputies by the king.

Press Opposes Dissolution.

The press urges the advisability of going on without a dissolution of parliament and new general elections.

M. Venizelos and his followers are expected to approve this solution of the problem, which will make it possible to avoid general elections, the result of which would be uncertain owing to the government and the pro-German propaganda.

PAPER NOT YET RELEASED.

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"The Lusitania has a for the pit. I wanter wild each in the Lusitania and other ships.

That is all to the good, but the ultiple o oost office at Livonia, thirty miles from UNIFORM CONTRACT IN VIEW. to the building. Herkimer engaged in a revolver duel with the robbers, who made their escape in the darkness.

## JUDGMENTS TOTAL \$150,000.

Suits Are Outgrowth of Closing of Bank of Grafton, W. Va. CHARLES TOWN, W. Va., November

points raised in the note are all open to argument, Great Britain's position is that she is engaged in a life-and-death struggle, and therefore has to consider all questions on the practicable basis of winning the war; that such a world war world war to the control of the con GRAFTON, W. Va., November 8.—De-is bound to carry some inconvenience to tectives armed with cameras are taking neutrals; but that as far as is possible were obtained in the Taylor county

## German Military Authorities in Bel-

REGRET THE DEPARTURE

gium Deny Government Objected to Him.

Secretary Lansing announced today that the German military authorities in Belgium had expressed to American Minister Brand Whitlock their regret ST. LOUIS, November 8.-The Broad- that published reports should have way Bank, a neighborhood institution made it appear he was leaving Belgium

not open its doors today. The bank | Minister Whitlock was assured that was taken in charge by a state ex- the German authorities regretted his

## ON STAND SEVERAL DAYS

Defense to Follow Direct Examination Now On.

NEW YORK, November 8.—The trial The steamer was under British governstorage. of directors of the New York, New Mr. Dillon asserted that he is in-Haven and Hartford railroad for at-Mr. Dillon asserted that he is informed that 75,000 cases of cold storage eggs are being sold and consumed in New York city weekly as strictly fresh eggs. This, he said, is in violation of the state law regulating the sale of cold storage products and probably the federal pure food law as well.

POST OFFICE ROBBED 10 TIMES.

Haven and Hartford railroad for attempting to monopolize railroad traffic in New England today reached the period when Charles S. Mellen became president of that company. Counsel for the prosecution expect that two or three days will be required to complete Mr. Mellen's direct examination, ably the federal pure food law as well.

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## Herkimer, whose dog had trailed them Probable Action by Brazilian Coffee

states importers probably will be draft-ed by the National Coffee Roasters' As-sociation, whose "homecoming" conven-tion began here today. Such a contract, will address the convention Tuesday it was explained by officers of the association, would eliminate many of the -Judgments aggregating \$150,000 inconveniences to which coffee import-Several hundred delegates from nearly all sections of the country are here to attend the four-day session.

Durchased the assets and assumed the liabilities of the Commercial National Bank and that the two institutions will be convenient to the country of the convenient to the conv

## OF MINISTER WHITLOCK ARMED BRITISH VESSEL IS SUNK BY U-BOATS

Thirty-Four of Tara's Crew Reported Missing-Other Steamers Lost.

LONDON, November 8, 4:20 p.m - The British armed merchantman Tara was ttacked and sunk in the eastern Medterranean by two German submarines Friday last, according to an official

ment charter and was on its way to SOUTHERN MEDICOS MEET. Delegates From Fifteen States Begin

### Sessions at Dallas. DALLAS, Tex., November 8 .- The

Southern Medical Association opened its annual convention here today. Delegates representing fifteen southern states and the District of Columbia are in attendance. The sessions will continue through Thursday. Among the speakers at today's ses-

sions were A. W. Freeman, epidermiolo-Growers and U. S. Importers.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., November 8.—A uniform contract to be entered into by Brazilian coffee growers and United States importers probably will be draft-

> Financial Institutions Merged. PITTSBURGH, Pa., November 8.—An councement was made here today that nouncement was made here today that the Commonwealth Trust Company had

tectives armed with cameras are taking and consistent with doing everything in photographs of every employe of the Baltimore and Ohlo railroad they set taking a drink of alcoholic liquer. A number of employes have been discharged. Whisky as first aid to the injured has been prohibited by J. F. Turner, chief medical examiner of the Taylor county and that the two institutions will attend the four-day session.

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## POLICY OF DEFENSE IS UPHELD IN BIBLE

President Wilson Finds Support in Scriptures for Preparedness Plans.

### **QUOTES PART OF EZEKIEL** IN LETTER TO SETH LOW

Regarded as Likely That Mr. Bryan Will Also Refer to Holy Book to Uphold His Position.

President Wilson finds support in the Scriptures for his policy of nationa

In a letter to Seth Low of New York the President quotes freely from Eze-kiel to show that if the country fails to take notice of the possibility of foreign attack "his blood shall be upon his own head." The President was pleased with a letter of commendation he had from Mr. Low, and the White House made public the President's response, as follows:

"I thank you very warmly for your generous letter of the 5th of Novemer and for your courtesy in letting me see a copy of your remarks on the

merchant marine question.
"I am particularly gratified that you should so fully concur in the position I took in my speech to the Manhattan Club. There is a quotation from Exekiel which I have had very much mind recently in connection wit these important matters. It is the sec-ond, third, fourth, fifth and sixth verses of chapter thirty-three.

### Quotation From Ezekiel.

" '2. Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman:

him for their watchman:

"3. If, when he seeth the sword come upon the land he blow the trumpet, and warn the people;

"4. Then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head.

"5. He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning, his blood shall be upon him; but he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul.

"6. But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand."

Appeal to Church People.

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The letter is considered significan as an appeal to the church people of the country who may be following the leadership of W. J. Bryan. Briefly, the President quotes from the very book Mr. Bryan is using to array sentiment against the administration on the preparedness program. Evidently, too, the President is will-

ing to be considered as the 'watch-man' of the people and as responsible if he does not blow the horn of warning to get ready for the future.

The administration is said to feel that practically the only opposition to its preparedness program comes from

Torpedoed by German Submarine in the Mediterranean Sea.

TOKIO, November 8.—The Japanese steamer Yasakuni Maru, 5,118 tons gross, was sunk by a German submarine near Gibraltar Wednesday. The captain and crew reached shore safely. The steamer was under British government charter and was on its work along the captain and crew reached shore safely.

## M. J. BARNOW HELD AMENABLE

ernment to sell books where no such employe exists, the Supreme Court of the United States today reversed the action of the federal district court in eastern Pennsylvania which had annulled an indictment against M. J. Barnow. The defendant was charged with falsely pretending to be an employe of the government to sell a set of books entitled "Messages and Papers of President."

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BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETS.

Brief Session Held, With Adjournment Until Tomorrow.

The democratic caucus special committee on the budget met at the Capitol this inerning with Chairman Sherley and Representatives Kitchin, Stout, Kay and Garner present. Owing to the absence of Representative Fitzgerald of New York the meeting adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow, when Mr. Fitzgerald is expected to be present. Champ Clark probably will not attend until after November 21.

The committee expects to hold daily sessions during the remainder of this month in the preparation of a budget plan to be submitted to a caucus of democratic members of the House after the assembling of Congress.

Western One-third to 40 per cent of the agricultural land owned in the District would be taken by the government for streets, without any recompense, and used for national objects, since the building up of wide streets and avenues according to the highway plan could only be considered national objects. He complained that owners of this agricultural land were paying too high taxes.

"Yes, sir," answered Mr. Lancaster, "Why should the owners of these lands object if their assessments are as high as the values they put on the lands themselves?" asked Senator Works.

Mr. Lancaster replied that the only way to "get even" was to put high values on this agricultural land with the hope that some day a purchaser would be found.

"Some sucker is coming in there and is going to get burnt," said Mr. Lancaster.

"Washington, like all other cities,"

Newfoundland Recruits in England.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., November 8.—The seventh contingent of 250 men recruited in this colony for the British army has arrived in England, according to word received today. Another company is in process of formation. The Patriotic Association, which has charge of the recruiting work, has decided to continue enlistment as long as the war is in progress.

Some sucker is coming in there and is going to get burnt," said Mr. Lancaster.

"Washington, like all other cities," said Senator Works, "has been the victim of real estate speculators. I don't know how far you yourself have been guilty in this respect, Mr. Lancaster.

"Hold on, senator," said Mr. Lancaster.

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"That's not so. Taxes have been put so high that land holders must p-t up the price to get their money back.

Statement in Illustration.

"Say that I bought ten acres of agricultural land."

## PROTESTS CHOICE OF NON-RESIDENTS FOR LOCAL OFFICES

ONE -CENT.

Charles C. Lancaster Revives the Controversy Over Commissioner Newman's Title.

## INTRODUCED AT HEARING

Senators Criticise Statement That U. S. Supreme Court Failed to Set-

JOSEPH I. WELLER IS HEARD

Replies to Views Expressed by Mr. Regarding Condemnation Proceedings in the District.

An echo of the case in which Commissioner Newman's right to hold office as District Commissioner was challenged in the courts was heard today during the testimony of C. C. Lancaster before the congressional committee investigating the fiscal relations between the United States and the District.

Mr. Lancaster declared that

Senator Chilton, chairman of the investigating committee, called attention to the fact that the Newman case had been settled by the Supreme Court of the

"No, it hasn't, not by a jugful," said Mr. Lancaster. "The Su-

Criticised by Two Senators. Senator Chilton and Senator Works sharply criticised the statement of Mr. Lancaster. Senator Works said that he had been a member of the Senate Dis-Newman's nomination, and that while

Mr. Lancaster declared that the citizens of the District were going to Congress to get the law amended so that they would be able to test such cases as Mr. Newman's in the future.

Joseph I. Weller appeared before the committee today to reply to statements made by Commissioner Newman before the committee in regard to condemnation proceedings in the District. Mr. Newman had contended that confidence in the committee in the confidence of the committee in regard to condemnation proceedings in the District.

## demnation proceedings could not be lied upon in finding the real value

When the committee assembled today

C. C. Lancaster, who began his statement before the committee Saturday, was the first witness heard today. "I wish to say," said Mr. Lancaster, in opening, "that I hold no brief from any special privilege in Washington,

He attacked the act of 1892 providing a permanent highway plan for the Distric! He charged that by this act from one-third to 40 per cent of agricultural land owned in the District

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## ON FISCAL RELATIONS

tle Disputed Question.

Newman Before Joint Committee

residents here regarded Commissioner Newman, the tax collector and the superintendent of playgrounds as "foreigners," insisting that they were not properly considered residents of the District. He protested vigorously against the appointment of non-residents of the District to offices here.

United States.

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trict committee which passed on Mr the evidence submitted was both for and aganist Mr. Newman's eligibility, still the courts had settled the mat

demnation proceedings in the Dis Mr. Newman had contended that

### property. Submits Letters of Citizens.

Senator Chilton, the chairman, laid before it a number of letters from citizens interested in the hearings. H. Mar tin Williams suggested in one letter

sessed to meet the share of the government in the expenses of the capital. He suggested also that the District of Columbia should be made a state with all the rights of statehood, and with two senators and members of the House, according to population.

### C. C. Lancaster Resumes.

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